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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground, comprising:

a basic body;

said basic body having an anchoring portion for anchoring the basic body in the ground and a holding portion for engaging the object, said anchoring portion and said holding portion being respectively positioned along a longitudinal extent of the basic body;

said anchoring portion having a first portion and a second portion formed from one piece, said second portion being positioned closer to said holding portion than said first portion along said longitudinal extent;

said first portion of said anchoring portion being cone shaped with a first cone angle;

said second portion of said anchoring portion being cone shaped with a second cone angle larger than said first cone angle;

threads attached to said anchoring portion for screwing the anchoring portion into the ground; and

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said anchoring portion and said holding portion being substantially hollow, wherein the anchoring portion is formed by hammering a cylindrical part into shape.

34. (Previously presented) A device for fastening an object in the ground according to claim 33, wherein the threads extend substantially over an entire length of the anchoring portion.

35-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) A device for fastening an object in the ground, comprising:

a basic body including an anchoring portion extending from a first end of the basic body which penetrates the ground in use and a holding portion located adjacent a second end of the basic body;

at least a partial longitudinal extent of said anchoring portion being divided into a first conical portion having a first cone angle and a second conical portion having a second cone angle, said first and second conical portions both tapering in a direction towards said first end of the basic body, said first conical portion being closer to said first end than said second conical section;

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said first cone angle of said first conical portion being smaller than said second cone angle of said second conical portion; and

~~A device according to claim 43, further comprising~~

a thread attached externally to the basic body and extending at least along a portion of said first conical portion.

47-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) A device for fastening an object in the ground, comprising:

a basic body including an anchoring portion extending from a first end of the basic body which penetrates the ground in use and a holding portion located adjacent a second end of the basic body;

at least a partial longitudinal extent of said anchoring portion being divided into a first conical portion having a first cone angle and a second conical portion having a second cone angle, said first and second conical portions both tapering in a direction towards said first end of the basic body, said first conical portion being closer to said first end than said second conical section;

said first cone angle of said first conical portion being smaller than said second cone angle of said second conical portion;

~~A device according to claim 43, wherein:~~

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said basic body is hollow over a major portion of a length thereof; and

a wall thickness of said basic body over said major portion increasing with a decrease in an outer diameter of the basic body.

52-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 51, wherein said basic body is closed at said first end.

55. (Currently Amended) A device for fastening an object in the ground, comprising:

a basic body including an anchoring portion extending from a first end of the basic body which penetrates the ground in use and a holding portion located adjacent a second end of the basic body;

at least a partial longitudinal extent of said anchoring portion being divided into a first conical portion having a first cone angle and a second conical portion having a second cone angle, said first and second conical portions both tapering in a direction towards said first end of the basic body, said first conical portion being closer to said first end than said second conical section;

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said first cone angle of said first conical portion being smaller than said
second cone angle of said second conical portion;

~~A device according to claim 43, wherein:~~

said basic body is hollow over a major portion of a length thereof
including a hollow portion of said first conical portion; and

said hollow portion of said first conical portion including a bore through a
wall thereof.